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Every day between 22 March and 11 April 1954, source passed along Kreuzbruch firing range. Firing at ground targets was practiced by MiG-15s or U-100-15s during the mornings and afternoons 3 days per week, but only during favorable weather. The aircraft approached in elements of twos, coming from the east at an altitude of about 1,500 meters, circled once over the field, and then dived to 300 or 400 meters giving short bursts of fire with their cannons or machine guns. The elements approached 6 to 8 times at irregular intervals and departed toward the east. Source had the impression that the targets were repeatedly being hit, as white dust was seen blowing up several times. The fire-control staff consisted of 4 or 5 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epauletts. Two or 3 men were seen on the northern observation tower which had a telephone connection to the public wire net.

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Comment. Kreuzbruch firing range is used by regiments of Plovdiv fighter division. Outlines of aircraft are cut in the soil and marked with white line, serve as ground targets here.

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